

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 239
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coach Ron Burnham and the 1996-1997 Hardin County High School girls' basketball team, Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament participants.

WHEREAS, with exceptional poise, exemplary determination, and great skill, the excellent 1996-1997 Hardin County High School girls' basketball team has performed magnificently to reach the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class AAA State Tournament; and

WHEREAS, this fabled team showed promise early in the season when they won the Union Christmas Classic Tournament by beating Waverly 58-37 and Obion 72-64; and

WHEREAS, Hardin County won the regular season District 13-AAA title with an 11-1 record; and

WHEREAS, the Savannah sharpshooters next won the District 13-AAA Tournament, with victories against Lexington 71-56 and Jackson Central-Merry 68-51; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers then won the Region 7-AAA Tournament by besting Dyersburg 60-50, Fayette-Ware 56-51, and Millington 48-45 in overtime; and

WHEREAS, in the crucial substate match, Hardin County defeated White Station 68-58; and

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WHEREAS, during the season, they played six of the top ten ranked teams and beat five of them; and

WHEREAS, this notable team also won twenty-two consecutive games; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Tigers had an enviable 29-2 overall record, a winning percentage of .935; and

WHEREAS, Head Coach Ron Burnham and his Assistant Coaches Stephen Johnson and Java Stanley have done a superb job of dealing with the natural ups and downs that are part of any basketball season; and

WHEREAS, the team was led by senior guard Leigh Ann Jones, an All-Region 7-AAA Tournament choice, Most Valuable Player in the District 13-AAA regular season and the District 13-AAA Tournament and All-Academic Team choice; senior guard Jill McClarin, an All-Region 7-AAA Tournament, All-District 13-AAA regular season and All-District 13-AAA Tournament choice; senior center Lori Bain, an All-Region 7-AAA Tournament and All-Academic Team honoree; junior guard Amber Selvog, an All-District 13-AAA regular season selection; and senior guard Jackie Givens, who made the All-Academic Team; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team each made a significant contribution to the success the squad has enjoyed. They were: juniors, forward Kristi McReynolds, and guard Amber Mullins; and sophomores, forward Starla Deshazier, center Valerie Garza, forward Jennifer Oxley, and Tawna Stricklin; and

WHEREAS, Principal Bobby McAdams has been very supportive of the team; and

WHEREAS, Coach Burnham has been fortunate to have the assistance of managers Amber Powell and Martine Combs, bookkeeper Diane Powell and ballgirls Cara Burnham and Caroline Hamilton; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that we pause in our deliberations to specially recognize the accomplishments of this fine squad; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE-HUNDREDTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coach Ron Burnham and the 1996-1997

Hardin County High School girls' basketball team on a memorable season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.